

WRITE TO JAILER; THEN TAKE LEAVE

Three Men Cut Way Out of
Buckingham Jail and Leave
Letters Behind.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BUCKINGHAM, VA., September 7.—There was a jail delivery here on Saturday night. The Zimmerman brothers and a young man named Thomas were confined in a cell on the second floor of the jail, and in the iron grating over one of the windows was a place where some one had cut his way out in years gone by. Over this rent made in the grating a strip of iron had been fastened with two rivets. One of the rivets was cut and the iron patch bent upward, leaving a hole through which the three prisoners made their escape.

These men were sent here from Marshall District, charged with breaking open a meat house on the "Seven Islands" farm, and the Arvonia correspondent of The Times-Dispatch at the time of the robbery gave an account of the many crimes that these men had been charged with.

After cutting the rivet and bending the piece of iron back so that they could crawl through, the prisoners tied the sheets together, and fastening one end to the grating, they let themselves down, leaving three notes—one to the sheriff, one to the jailer, and one to the other prisoners in jail. They told the jailer that they liked the board he furnished them, but staying there was most too confining, and if he got them again he would have to burn the mountains and eff the fishes. They thanked the sheriff for some small kindness he had shown them, and told him they would be back the first day of court.

The other prisoners in jail—two young negroes—when asked if they knew what time these three white men left the prison, said they did not know.

It is not known how the rivet was cut, but it is thought so that they done with an old case-knife, which was inserted between the bars. Doubtless Saturday night was chosen as the time of escape because there was a downpour of rain and the darkness occasioned by the clouds precluded all chance of detection.

MONUMENT AT SALEM CHURCH.

New Jersey to Erect One Commemorating
Valley of Her Men.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 7.—The State of New Jersey will erect a mammoth monument at Salem Church, in Spotsylvania county, four miles from this city, to commemorate the valor and endurance of the men of both armies. The monument will be thirty-two feet high, and will weigh thirty-seven tons. A tablet eight feet high will be erected by the state of New Jersey on the "Bloody Angle" battlefield at Spotsylvania Courthouse commemorative of the bravery of the soldiers of both armies on that field. The tablet will be in the place and weigh about six tons. The commissioners will meet here next Saturday to locate the monuments and break the ground for the foundations.

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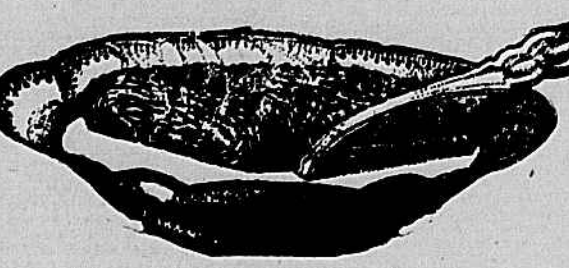
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Petersburg News

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
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Petersburg, Va., September 7.
Mr. N. T. Patterson, president of the City Council, and Mr. Augustus Wright, first vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, had a conference with Mr. J. E. Johnson, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company; Mr. N. D. Maher, general manager; and other officials of the company in the city this morning relative to the passenger station question.

It will be remembered that a joint committee from the Council and from the chamber met the general manager of the road here last week, and that assurances were given then that the city would be given a creditable station in place of the one practically destroyed by the flood. The result of the conference this morning was even more satisfactory. The president of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, an entirely new and absolutely modern station will be built; that the work will be begun as quickly as possible, and that the building will be placed on the city side of the railway yards. This will do away with the inconvenience and danger of crossing the numerous tracks.

It is understood that the new station will run from Second Street eastward toward Third Street. It will be 122 feet long, according to the plans prepared, and of sufficient width and proportion to afford all the comforts and conveniences of an up-to-date passenger station. Connection will be made at the east end with the Atlantic Coast Line. The prompt action of the Norfolk and Western officials in this matter is received with great satisfaction in the community.

The situation improving. The flood scene is rapidly improving. The half of the old station that was badly damaged is being pulled down preparatory to the repairs to be made to put it in condition for temporary use until the new station can be built. Trains on both the Norfolk and Western and Atlantic Coast Line are now running smoothly and regularly by the station. The dam being erected at the mouth of the channel cut across Second Street and through the Atlantic Coast Line yard, has been brought up to such a height as to prevent water flowing into it from the river. As soon as this dam is completed measures will be taken to fill up the place for which a great amount of material is already ready. Then communication between Petersburg and the northern suburb—Pocahontas—with the lower section of Chesterfield county will be restored. It is estimated that about 30,000 yards of earth was washed away here by the flood. The comparatively small damage done to the levees and banks of the diversion channel has already been repaired, and the diversion work is going on as usual.

Death of a Revered Lady.
Information has been received here of the death at her home in Surrey county, at 4 o'clock this morning, of Mrs. Anna V. Bohannon, widow of A. P. Bohannon, who was for many years treasurer of the county. Mrs. Bohannon formerly lived in Petersburg, where she won the love and esteem of many friends. She died of chronic pneumonia, after an illness of nine weeks. Mrs. Bohannon was fifty-eight years of age, and was a woman of exalted character and of Christian piety. She is survived by two sons and one daughter. Her sons are A. Wilson Bohannon, treasurer of Surrey county, and J. Gordon Bohannon, a prominent attorney and a member of the executive board of the State hospitals. The funeral will take place from the residence to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, the services to be conducted by the Rev. F. W. Barnwell, rector of St. Paul's Church, this city.

Death of T. W. Vaughan.
Mr. Thomas W. Vaughan, a wholesale fish and oyster dealer of this city, died about 3 o'clock this morning at his residence on West High Street, after a few days' illness of acute Bright's disease. By reason of his large business connections, Mr. Vaughan was widely known in Norfolk, Richmond, Lynchburg and Southwestern Virginia. He was a man of fine presence, of uprightness and integrity and of genial disposition. He is survived by his wife and several children. It is a singular coincidence that he is the fourth man of his class of business here to die within the past two years.

Alligator at Large.
A young alligator about a foot and a half in length, and all appearance very lively and snappy, made his

debut on Washington Street, near the Christian Church, last night between 9 and 10 o'clock, and before he was captured attracted a considerable crowd. The little fellow fought his capture for some time, snapping at his pursuers and keeping them at a safe distance. Whence he came or whither bound is not known. It is supposed that he escaped from his owner and took to the lowlands near the place of his appearance. A colored man finally carried the reptile off in triumph.

Nearly all the retail merchants on Sycamore Street have agreed to close their places at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, the 11th instant, in order to allow themselves and their employees to attend the horse show. Among the ladies who will ride and drive on that day are Mrs. Allen Potts, of Cobham, Va., and Mrs. Blair Johnson, of Warrenton, the foremost horsewomen in the State.

Persons and Briefs.
Friends of the bridegroom in this city to-day received cards issued by Mrs. Mary A. Bliss, of Santa Barbara, Cal., making an announcement of the marriage to be held on Tuesday, September 1st, of her daughter, Miss Emily Gould Bliss, to the Rev. John Ridout. Mr. Ridout was a resident of Petersburg for twelve years and rector of Grace Episcopal Church, and he has a great number of warm friends here. Mrs. Dr. J. M. Burke and daughters, Misses Edith, Grace and Madeline, are visiting in Baltimore and Washington.

It now seems that the runaway coal gondolas which wrecked the two passenger cars on the Norfolk and Western tracks, in this city, Saturday night, were started by some supposed malicious grade run by some supposed malicious person, by releasing the air brakes which held the cars in place. As stated in The Times-Dispatch, one of the coaches was shattered to pieces by the collision and the other wrecked beyond repair.

Labor Day was more observed as a holiday to-day than ever before. Many stores were closed, and hundreds of people went out of town, a strong delegation of speakers of the gubernatorial candidates.

SUFFERER LOST IN SWAMP.
Alexandria Man, His Mind a Blank,
Found in Serious Condition.
ALEXANDRIA, VA., September 7.—His body covered with blood from hundreds of scratches caused by briar bushes, Frederick Didsoneit, Jr., a cabinetmaker, of No. 512 Street, was found floating in a swamp near Sidesburg, seventeen miles south of this city, on the Southern Railway, yesterday morning. The discovery was made by James Magner, of this city, and his brother, Michael Magner, of Sidesburg, who had been told that a wild man had been seen in the swamp the previous afternoon.

When they came upon Didsoneit, whom they soon recognized in spite of his condition, he made no effort to escape, and after some persuasion agreed to go with them. He was unable to tell what became of his clothing, but after a search some of it was found. Clothing sufficient to make Didsoneit presentable was brought from the Magner home, and he was carried there. After he had been given food, which he ate ravenously, his wounds were washed and dressed temporarily and later he was brought to Alexandria, where he is now being cared for by Dr. J. M. Burke.

Didsoneit recollects leaving Alexandria for Lynchburg Thursday morning in company with Charles Robinson, a woodcarver, but his recollection of events since then is hazy, and he is unable to say when he left Robinson or how he came in the swamp. Didsoneit is twenty-eight years old and unmarried. It is expected medical treatment will restore his memory in a few days.

DIG FIRE IN HAMPTON.
Three Frame Buildings Burn and Entire Business Section Threatened.
HAMPTON, VA., September 7.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed three frame buildings on Queen Street early this morning, and threatened to sweep the entire business district of this city. The property loss was about \$12,000, and half of that amount is covered by insurance.

The fire started in a row containing seven single-story buildings, owned by R. E. Mason and J. M. Willis. Four of the rooms were vacant, and it is believed that people sleeping in these places accidentally started the fire. This structure was totally de-

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A gasoline tank exploded during the fire and frightened the crowd badly. Several firemen were overcome by heat and smoke, and one was severely cut.

TO TRY THE BANK CASE.

Judge Ingram to Preside and Several
Hingham Lawyers There.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., September 7.—Judge Ingram, of Richmond, sat in the Circuit Court of this city to-day beginning the hearing of the case of the depositors of the Savings Bank of Newport News against that defunct institution, its officers and directors. The object of this suit, which has been pending for nearly two years, is to recover about \$40,000 which was on deposit at the Savings Bank of Newport News at the time the bank closed its doors, immediately following the suicide of the president, Irwin Tucker.

The judge stated to-day that he had overlooked the fact that to-day was Labor Day until it was too late to change the date for the hearing. After it had been agreed to allow each side two days in which to argue, court adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Hon. Allan Caperton Braxton, of Richmond, and C. Berkeley, Commonwealth's attorney of this city, are counsel for the plaintiff. Attorneys Allan D. Jones, receiver for the bank, and John S. Eggleston, of Richmond, represent the bank. Counsel for various officers and directors are: G. Bickford, Ashby & Read, R. M. Lett, O. D. Batchelor, S. Gordon Cumming, of Hampton; David L. Pulliam, of Manchester; and William M. White, of Richmond.

AFFAIRS AT CHATHAM.
Fees Paid to the Clerk—Schools to Open.
Talk to Farmers.
CHATHAM, VA., September 7.—The sum of \$750.00 was collected for the Commonwealth by County Clerk S. S. Hurt for the six months ending August 31st, divided as follows: Seventy-three common suits, \$96.10; seventy-three chancery suits, \$109.50; 502 deeds, \$522.70; thirteen wills, \$52.70; twenty administrations, \$11.50; redemption with the largest fee in its history, \$12.55; police sold by sheriff, \$10; fines, \$1,087.50; costs, \$38.35; delinquent capitation and personal property taxes, \$164.00.

The Warren Training School will on next Tuesday open for the coming session with an enrollment much better than last year. On Wednesday following the coming session of the Chatham Episcopal Institute begins with the largest fee in its history. More applications having been made than could be accepted. The Chatham High School will open on Monday.

E. W. Mathewson, of the Department of Agriculture, very recently addressed a meeting of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company and United States Experimental plots about five miles from the station. Mathewson's remarks, which were very instructive and interesting. An attempt will be made to hold these meetings annually.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.
No. 1107 Hull Street.
The City Assembly will meet in joint session to-night for the purpose of electing city officials. So far as can be learned, there will be no opposition to the incumbents. The offices are now held by men who have served before, and as they have faithfully performed their duties it is believed that the best thing to do is to re-elect them all.

There are several applicants for the new office of City Engineer. There is not a Manchester man in the list, the reason being that there are no engineers in this city who desire the place. Two names have been mentioned, those of Messrs. Lear and Parker. Clerk of Council Nunnally said last night that he thought there would be several more before the election takes place.

After a vacation of several weeks, Mayor Maurice and his family returned to the city yesterday afternoon. They have been spending some time in Buckingham.

Mr. W. T. Snoddy and his two sons, of Buckingham county, are visiting the family of the Mayor.

When seen on the street last night with a loaf of bread under his arm, the Mayor said he had just returned, and was carrying the bread home to his hungry family. He knew nothing worth printing, but said that the whole of Buckingham county stood ready to vote for Mayor Maurice, whether he won or not. He will attend the meeting of the City Assembly to-night.

Several hundred citizens spent the day and evening at Forest Hill Park in attendance upon the picnic given by the ladies of Sacred Heart Church. The day passed off most pleasantly, and all who went to that beautiful resort returned with the feeling of those who had spent a day profitably.

Excitement on Hull Street.
A large crowd was attracted to the corner of Fourteenth and Hull Streets early last night by the cries of a small boy. Investigation revealed the fact that he had been attacked by an unknown negro, and had received several blows in the face. Captain Lipscomb and Officer Moore hastened to the scene, and got a good description of the negro, who, as soon as he had vented his spleen upon the boy, made tracks for new territory. They hope and expect to lay him, and Mayor Maurice will do the rest.

Joe Johnston Camp.
A meeting of Joe Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans, has been called for to-night at 8 o'clock. The meet-

SHERIFF HAILS FROM AFAR.
Winchester Autolite Is Arrested Under
Peculiar Circumstances.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., September 7.—J. Henkel Henry, a Winchester business man while taking a party of friends to Capon Bridge yesterday, was arrested at the point of a double-barreled shotgun by Deputy Sheriff James Anderson, who claimed that Henry had violated the automobile law by not coming to a full stop when commanded to do so, although the command was given at a distance of seventy-five yards and during a rainstorm. Henry paid the fine and costs, amounting to nearly \$20, but has noted an appeal. He is backed by many automobilists who wish to make this a test case.

PASTORS RECEIVE CALLS.
One Goes to Hinton, W. Va., and the
Other Declines.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., September 7.—The Rev. E. E. Northern, for four years pastor of Winchester Baptist Church, to-day accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Hinton, W. Va., effective November 1st.

The Rev. T. K. Cromer, pastor of the Centenary Reformed Church, to-day declined a call extended by the Reformed Churches of Mount Moriah, of Sharnburg, and at Keedysville, Md.

SHEPARDSON TRIBUNE'S PLANT
DESTROYED BY FIRE.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LURAY, VA., September 7.—Fire in the town of Shepardson, this county, destroyed the Tribune. The fire department of the town confined the flames to the building in which they originated. The paper had been in operation about a year. The entire equipment of the plant was destroyed, causing a considerable loss.

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NEWS OF FREDERICKSBURG.

Schools Open—Accident to Steamer.

Divorce Granted.
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 7.—The public schools of the city opened the day for the session. Nothing was done further than to take account of the various grades. This will occupy several days.

The steamer Lancaster, of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, which left here last Thursday evening for Baltimore, broke one of her wheels by striking the bank at Ledestown. The steamer continued on the trip down the Rappahannock with one wheel, until a tug was dispatched from Baltimore to tow her to

that port, which she reached Saturday night.

A divorce was granted Jeff Catlett from his wife, Lucy A. Catlett, by Judge J. E. Mason in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania county.

The Frederick-Griffin Company, doing a mercantile business at Higue, in Westmoreland county, has made an assignment, with R. C. Mayo as receiver.

The Rev. T. V. McCaul, who was recently called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Orange, preached his first sermon as pastor of that church yesterday. He was recently married and has moved with his bride to the parsonage at Orange Court-house.



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